List of documents for the Russian-American Commission on Resolving the fates of US citizens and prisoners-of-war

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LIST

of Documents for the Russian-American Commission on Resolving the Fates of US Citizens and Prisoners of War

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1. Excerpts from a registration book on no No.

detained border violators of the no date

Pacific Ocean Border District

in 1968. 2 pgs

2. Excerpts from a registration book on no No.

detained State border violators of the no date

Transcaucasian Border District

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3. Excerpts from a registration book on no No.

detained border violators in a border no date

troops' sector of the Transcaucasian

Border District in 1970. 2 pgs

4. Findings of USSR Border Commissar 28 Oct 70

for the Leninakan Rajon, Smetannikov, no No.

on the unilateral investigation into

a USSR State border violation by a

USAF U-8D tail number [in English

"USA"] 083085, 21 Oct 70. 1 pg

5. Report from Chief of the 39th No. 1/0321

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about a meeting between USSR Border

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the 66th border marker - USSR. 5 pgs

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detained border violators in a sector no date

of the Transcaucasian Border District

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Sector and the Shah's Government of

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citizen Tomas R. Douson. 2 pgs

8. Report by the Head of the 44th KGB No. 1/1273

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a meeting with the IPK regarding the

transfer of US citizen Tomas R. Douson. 2 pgs

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No.	Sector outpost, date and time of detention	Surname, first name, patronymic of the detainee, nationality, and residence	Detained by whom	Site of border crossing and
16/334	26pz3pa114no 9:40 1 Jul 68	A US transport plane, DC-8 No. 8631, 231 US citizens of which 214 were US Air Force servicemen. The commander of the aircraft was Guiseppe Tozolike.	PVO aircraft of the 308th IAP	

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Purpose of border crossing

Primary evidence	Final results of the investigation	Means of crossing, methods of camouflage and deception	What was seized during the detention	When and where the detainees, their personal effects, valuables, and weapons were sent
border was violated due to a malfunction of navigational instruments.				3 Jul 68 the aircraft with 231 people on board took off at 1212 Hrs and departed on a course of 185 degrees to [2 illeg.]

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Report F.P. No. 20929.7

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Purpose of border crossing

Primary evidence	Final results of the investigation	Means of crossing, methods of camouflage and deception	What was seized during the detention	When and where the detainees, their personal effects, valuables and weapons were sent
detainees testified that they were on a sport flight on 04 July 69 in a group of 44 sport planes along the route Adana-Trabzon. Due to the unfavorable weather conditions, they lost orientation and made a forced landing.				Report 37po No. 279 dated 4 Jul 69 Report to GUPV No. 1244 dated 4 Jul 69

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No.	Sector, outpost, date and time of detention	Surname, first name, patronymic of the detainee, nationality, and residence	Detained by whom	Site of border crossing and detention site
75/86	18 pz 37 po 19:24 4 Jul 69 in the USSR	Aircraft crew. 1) Pilot George Peterson. US Citizen. Born 1930. Lt. Colonel Transportation, for the American Forces in the FRG. His unit is garrisoned at Kitzingen. He is on leave. 2) Sichelspiel, Karl Hans, doctor, citizen of the FRG, born 1919, native of Wurzburg, FRG. Lives in the city of Ochsenfurt. He is on vacation. During the war he was an officer in the German Army. He departed to travel along the route; Corsica - Tunis -	Border Troops Detachment	Batumi Airport

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Purpose of border crossing

Primary evidence	Final results of the investigation	Means of crossing, methods of camouflage and deception	What was seized during the detention	When and where the detainees, their personal effects, valuables and weapons were sent
As a result of bad weather, deviated from flight route				Report 37po No. 279 dated 4 Jul 69 Report to GUPV No. 1244 dated 4 July 69

Information: 11 July 69 deported in their own aircraft.

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No.	Sector outpost, date and time of detention	Surname, first name, patronymic of the detainee, nationality, and residence	Detained by whom	Site of border crossing

			and detention
4.	18 pz 37 po 4 July 69 area p/s No. 433 time of violation of the border 1925 hrs, course 360 degrees	One single-engine sport plane with FRG identification markings, at an altitude of 3000 meters and on a course of 360 degrees, violated the border on 4 Jul 69 at 1924 hrs in the area of Border Post No. 433, penetrated 6 kilometers into USSR air space over the village of [Tkhilkausi?] (0420) It then turned and, on a course of 270 degrees, flew towards the sea in the area of Sarpa (Soviet) (0212) where, at an altitude of 200-400 meters, it turned and followed along the sea coast at a distance of 1-6 kilometers. On a course of 90 degrees, at 1935 hrs it appeared in the area of the Batumi Airport (1016). A warning burst from a heavy machine gun at a missile battalion position was fired at the aircraft, after which the aircraft landed at the Batumi Airport at 1936 hrs. The detained aircraft crew consisted of: pilot - George Paterdson, US citizen doctor - Sichelspiel, Karl Hans FRG citizen	

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Sector outpost, date and time of detention	Surname, first name, patronymic of the detainee, nationality, and residence	Detained by whom	Site of border crossing and detention site
[No.] 103/135 [7?] pa 39 po 21 Oct 1970 1222 hrs USSR	1. US Major General Edward Krisostom David Sherrer, born 1913, native of ?Shawneetown?, of Illinois, resident of Ankara. American, married. Commander of the American Support Group for Military Supplies for the Turkish Army in Turkey. Headquarters in Erzincan.		in the area of the post between the 2nd and 3rd pz, 40 po (7280) [illegible signature]
	2. US Brigadier General Claude McCory Claude, born 1925, native of Columbus [spelled Colombo], Georgia. Since September, 1970 a resident of Ankara, Deputy		

Commander of the American Support Group for Military Supplies in Turkey. American, married.

3. Turkish Army Colonel Jevat Denli, born 1926, resident of Ankara, a Turk. Liaison officer between the above-named group [American Support] and the Turkish Army.

4. US Army Major - pilot James Paul Rassel, born 1928, native of Breksmen, Mississippi, resident of Ankara, [1 word illegible], American.

[No.] 02/136	?Kamebi?? Gazaifir Sardar born 1942, native and resident of the [1 illeg.] north, ?Khajrat?, Azerbaijani [1 illeg.]	Sr. Sergeant N.S. Kumanyaev	5om s-3 No. 132
12 pz 844			
22 Oct 70		Pvt A.Ch. Babkim	in 35th [2 illeg.]
1110 hrs			
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Purpose of border crossing where Primary evidence	Final results of the investigation	Means of crossing, methods of camouflage and deception	What was seized during the detention	When and the detainees, their personal effects, valuables and weapons were
Following the route Erzurum-Kars, got lost and mistook the Leninkan airport for the Kars and airport and landed				Report to the GUPV and to the district from 39th PO No. 315 for 21 Oct 70.
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[1/4 above is		At 0745 hrs on 10 Nov 70, the American Generals Sherrer and		

encircled]	McCory and the Turkish Army Colonel Denli were transferred to the Turkish side at the state border line at the 39th Border Detachment. Report No. 362 from General Il'in dated 10 Nov 70. Transferred in my presence 1/4 [1/4 above is encircled]. At 1440 hrs on 10 Nov 70, the American "U-8D" aircraft, with registry number 083085, flown by the American pilot Rassel, with navigator and mechanic on board, took off on a course through Akhuren-2 Station to Kars where it landed at 1459 hrs on 10 Nov 70. Report No. 3363 from General Il'in, dated 10 Nov 70.	
Crossed the border in this region [remainder illeg.]	[1 illegible]: 24 Oct 70 at 1100 hrs transferred to IPK - 1/1 (No. 1415 for 24 Oct 70. 43 [1 illegible]	Report No. 1412 from 44th Border Post dated 28 Oct 70. Report to the GUPV.

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"Border Detachment

16 Nov 70

No. 1/0621

City Leninakan

Troop Unit No. 2012"]

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TRANSCAUCASIAN BORDER DISTRICT, KGB
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Comrade Major General V.A. ALEKSANDROV

city of TBILISI

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TRANSCAUCASIAN BORDER DISTRICT, KGB

ATTACHED TO THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Comrade Major General E.U. IL'IN

city of EREVAN

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REPORT

On the meeting that took place between the USSR Border Commissar for the Leninakan Rajon and the Deputy Border Commissar of the Republic of Turkey (RT) for the Kars Region on 9-10 November, 1970 near USSR border marker 66. Moscow time.

In accordance with instructions from the Deputy Head of the GUPV KGB attached to the USSR SM, Lieutenant General V.A. MATROSOV, a meeting with the Deputy Border Commissar of the Republic of Turkey for the Kars Region took place on 9-10 Nov, 1970.

At 1707 hrs on 9 Nov, 70 the Head of the Turkish post was sent for by Lt. Colonel S.M. MANUCHAROV and was given a letter addressed to the RT Border Commissar for the Kars Rajon. The letter's contents were interpreted orally with a request to give an answer on the decision of the Border Commissar.

At 1910 hrs on 9 Nov, 70 the Head of the Turkish Post "Tikhnis" reported, that the Border Commissar would arrive at the appointed time for the meeting.

From our side, the following participated in the meeting:

- In the capacity of: military expert, Lt. Colonel S.I. Manucharov (using the surname MAMEDOV), - civilian expert, Lt. Colonel M.V. SHPAKOV (using the surname BARSUKOV), - secretary, Major A.A. KALYAKIN - Turkish language translator, Lieutenant

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KORABEL'NIKOV (using the surname KOROLEV), and English language translator VANYAN (participated only during the transfer of the American Generals to the Turkish authorities).

At 2300 Hrs on 9 Nov, 70, together with the members of our delegation, I went to the area of Border Marker 66 where I met the Turkish representatives, who had been invited to the Border Commissar's house.

The Turkish delegation consisted of:

- Deputy RT Border Commissar for the Kars Region, Mekhmet Bedat Okaj;

- Military expert - Lt. Colonel Khajri Gyuler;

- Civilian expert - Burkhan Khekimoglu;

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- secretary - Mukharem Kaya;

- Russian language translator - Ajlin Dorgu

- English language translator - Muammer Ozdzhan.

I proposed the agenda for the meeting:

1. Transfer of the detained border violators: US Army Major General Sherrer, Edward; US Army Brigadier General MacCory, Claude; Turkish Army Colonel Denli Jevat.

2. Transfer of the violating American aircraft; U.S. Army U-8D, registry No. 0-83085 and the pilot, US Army Major Rassel, James.

The Deputy Border Commissar of the Republic of Turkey for the Kars Region agreed to our proposed agenda without any comment. We took minutes of the meeting and the Turks kept their own separate notes on loose-leaf paper.

To my declarations, the Turkish Deputy Border Commissar expressed admiration for the hospitality of the Soviet authorities towards Colonel Denli Jevat and, as he expressed it, towards their "guests, the American Generals and pilot".

Considering the benevolent mood of the Turkish representatives, I suggested that we discuss the documents which we had prepared for transferring the Turkish Colonel Denli Jevat and the American Generals.

While discussing the proposed documents and their translation into Turkish, the Deputy Border Commissar began to noticeably drag out the meeting. He was trying to prove that it was necessary to indicate in the documents that the aircraft's border violation and its landing at the Leninakan Airport was, to be exact, accidental and that he did not regard it as a border violation.

Considering that the Deputy Border Commissar was employing delaying tactics and that the minutes were the basic document in which the Turks admitted the fact of the border violation, we suggested that the meeting's minutes be signed.

The latter agreed with our suggestion; however, he started to change his statements, insisting that it be entered into the minutes that there was no border violation.

We rejected the Turkish Deputy Border Commissar's amendments, citing that he had accepted our suggestions and that these suggestions had already been entered into the minutes.

As a result of much discussion, the minutes of the

meeting were signed by the Turkish representatives. The Turkish representative said that he would subsequently enter his own opinion into the minutes to which we agreed.

Having signed the meeting's minutes, we again returned to the discussion of the documents on the transfer of the border violators. During the discussion, the Turkish side again tried to establish that the aircraft and its passengers were not violators of a state border, and that this case was simply a border incident. We persistently rejected [their argument].

The Soviet delegation, realizing that the Deputy RT Border Commissar had a different agenda (wasting

time and dismissing the fact of the violation of the State border by the aircraft

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and the people on board) and also citing the signed minutes in which it was indicated that the aircraft and its passengers were violators of the State border, was forced to be insistent in demanding an answer as to "whether or not he was authorized and capable of resolving the meeting's issues". The RT Deputy Border Commissar agreed with the formulation of the documents for the transfer of the border violators, Turkish Army Colonel Denli Jevat and the American Generals, to the Turkish authorities.

After both sides had formulated and signed the documents, we suggested that the detained violators be questioned and then transferred to the Turkish authorities.

The American Generals and the Turkish Army Colonel, who were summoned to the meeting, familiarized themselves with the documents and signed them without raising a single objection but with the reservation that "they didn't know exactly where they had violated the border".

After transferring the American Generals Sherrer, Edward and MacCory, Claude and the Turkish Army Colonel Denli, Jevat to the Turkish authorities, we suggested that the meeting adjourn until 1030 hrs on 10 Nov, 70. At 0745 hrs, the Turkish representatives were escorted to the border.

As a result of the attempt to dismiss our declaration as to the fact of a violation of the State border, the discussion of the first issue dragged on for 8 hours and 45 minutes without a break.

At 1030 hrs on 10 Nov, 70 the meeting continued. The same Turkish delegation arrived for the meeting with the addition of a Turkish navigator and technician, who came on the basis of my declaration.

Continuing the course of the meeting, we suggested sending both sides' military experts, the navigator and the technician, to the airport for a technical examination of the aircraft and its flight across the border.

The Turkish Deputy Border Commissar stubbornly insisted on the entire delegation going to examine the aircraft or sending additionally a civilian expert, Burkhan Khekimoglu (the Chief of Police for the Kars Rajon).

Based on the fact that the meeting's participants were

not technical specialists, I declined this suggestion.

Considering that the technical condition of the aircraft would be examined on site at the airport, I suggested a formulation of the document transferring the violating aircraft and its pilot, U.S. Army Major Rassel, James, to the Turkish authorities. The Turkish Deputy Border Commissar agreed to this.

The documents in Russian and in Turkish were given to the military experts. After examining the aircraft's technical condition and questioning the pilot, Major Rassel James, the military experts will sign the documents on site. The Turkish navigator and technician will reflect the technical working order of the aircraft on the reverse side of the documents.

The military experts and the Turkish navigator and pilot were sent to the Leninakan Airport, where they will be met by the American pilot, Major Rassel James. The meeting was then continued.

While waiting for the military experts [to return] from the airfield and carrying on an abstract conversation on the fait accompli, we carefully brought up the hijacking by two bandits of a Soviet aircraft flying from the Batumi Airport to Sukhumi.

The Turkish Deputy Border Commissar noted that, indeed, both of the bandits who hijacked the aircraft and its passengers committed a crime and should bear responsibility for the crime. They requested political asylum from the Turkish Government and presently [this request] is being considered in court. He also stated, in his words, his personal opinion that the criminals should be turned over to the Soviet authorities, that public opinion in Turkey and the world community demand this, and that the Turkish government will probably go this way.

In dinner conversation the Turkish Deputy Border Commissar more than once expressed his admiration for the hospitality shown to the violators and for the refreshments and consideration offered to the Turkish delegation by the USSR Border Commissar and his entire delegation. He also expressed his opinion, that all issues should be resolved in a friendly manner and based upon mutual understanding.

The military experts from "Leninakan" airfield arrived with their report on the technical condition of the aircraft and on the interrogation of the pilot, Major James Rassel. The document for the transfer of the aircraft and the pilot, Major James Rassel, was then signed.

After the document was signed and the meeting was ended, the Deputy RT Border Commissar expressed his intent to write his own opinion since, as he stated, he did not accomplish his mission.

Based on the facts that we had signed all of the documents, the issues were resolved and the allotted time, as per protocol, for the meeting had expired, we declined the offer of the Deputy RT Border Commissar.

The meeting was conducted in a business-like manner. The feeling was that the Deputy RT Border Commissar received instructions from a higher level for conducting the meeting, but all of his declarations ran contrary to our questions and answers which were well thought out in advance. All of his actions were directed at attempting to show that the aircraft accidentally violated the border and that the passengers are not border violators. With the arrival of the American Generals to the meeting he felt uneasy. Initiative for the conduct of the meeting was fully ours.

<u>Characteristics of the Turkish Representatives:</u>

1. The Deputy RT Border Commissar for the Karsk Rajon, Mekhmet Bedat Okaj - 55-58 years old, short, head is of average size, his face is of average width, face is triangular, dark-complexioned, nose is average and prominent, triple-chinned, grey-haired, large bald spot on the front of his head.

2. English language translator Muammer Ozdzhan is 40-42 years old, tall, thin, face is long and rectangular shaped, dark-complexioned, nose is average and straight, eyes are dark brown, hair is black but graying.

We have already given the characteristics of the other Turkish representatives participating at the meeting.

HEAD OF THE 39th BORDER

Red Banner Detachment

Colonel [Signature] (SMETANNIKOV)

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Border Commissar of the

Union of Soviet

Socialist Republics

for the Leninakan Rajon

No._____

[21?] October 1970

Leninakan.

CONCLUSION

of the unilateral investigation of the facts concerning the USSR State border violation by an USAF U-8D aircraft with registry number USA 083085 on 21 Oct 1970

I, the USSR Border Commissar for the Leninakan Rajon, Colonel B.I. SMETANNIKOVYJ, in the presence of military experts Lt. Colonels M.N. MAMEDOV and V.E. KORNIDOV, by visiting the site and questioning witnesses, have established that: at 1055 hrs Moscow time on 21 October, 1970, near the ruins of Nizhnij Kaz'bek, a two-engine aircraft with U.S. markings and on a course of 42 degrees from Turkey, at an altitude of 3,200-3,600 meters violated the State border. The aircraft penetrated up to a distance of 2-6 kilometers into USSR territory. The aforementioned aircraft landed at the Leninakan Airport at 1122 hrs Moscow time on 21 Oct, 1970.

After landing, the aircraft came to a complete stop. With the engines still running, the aircraft made a 180 degree turn on the runway with the intention of taking off. Airport service [maintenance] personnel took steps to prevent the take off. The aircraft was detained and the engines were turned off upon demand.

The detained aircraft belongs to the USAF and is a U-8D with registry No. 083085. It violated the State border between the USSR and Turkey in the area of the ruins of Nizhnij Kaz'bek at 1055 hrs on 21 Oct 1970. On board were:

US Army Major General SHERRER, Edward Krisostom Davis,

US Army Brigadier General MACCORY, Claude,

USAF Major RASSEL, James,

Turkish Army Colonel DENLI, Jevat.

The facts of the violation of the USSR State border and the aforementioned names were reported as ordered.

ATTACHMENT: sketch-map of the area and explanatory notes on

8 pages.

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Border Commissar USSR BORDER COMMISSAR

for the Leninakan for the Leninakan Rajon

Rajon] Colonel [Signature] (SMETANNIKOV)

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Accidential [check mark]	Turned over to Azerbaijan KGB	Report 44 No. 1385 of 12 Sept
Arrived to ?Iranian? Astara from Ardebil' as a tourist.	Turned over to the IPK [1 word illegible] 3 Oct 66 at 1200 Hrs	
Was walking with another along the seacoast. Violated the border		
Because he did not get his visa [validated?]		
		Report to the GUPV No. 1294 on 12 Sep

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89/102	44 po 17 pz 1830 hrs 11 Sep 66 from Iran	Dawson, Thomas Roszilli born 1941, native and resident of Annapolis, Maryland USA, single, American	Observation post pz 17	80 meters from the border. 200 meters to the east of 144 p/z

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Minutes No.7

Of the Joint Session of the Border Commissars

for the USSR Lenkoran' District and the Shah's Government of Iran for the Ardebil' District

City of Astara

Started 1200 hrs, 3 October, 1966 (Moscow time)

Ended 1700 hrs, 3 October, 1966 (Moscow time)

PARTICIPANTS:

FOR THE SOVIETS: FOR THE IRANIANS:

ASSISTANT OF THE BORDER COMMISSAR SECRETARY-TRANSLATOR TO THE

OF THE USSR FOR THE ASTARINSKO- BORDER COMMISSAR OF THE

KALAPUTINSK DISTRICT SHAH'S GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR THE ARDEBIL' DISTRICT

MAJOR- (NEKRASOV) (MAKHOMMEDYAN)

SECRETARY OF THE USSR BORDER COMMISSAR

FOR THE LENKORAN' DISTRICT

MAJOR - (RESHUKHIN)

TRANSLATOR OF THE BORDER COMMISSAR

FOR THE LENKORAN' DISTRICT

SR. LIEUTENANT (SAFAROV)

AGENDA:

1. Transfer and acceptance of the American citizen - THOMAS R. DAWSON, who deliberately crossed from Iran into the USSR on 11 September, 1966 in the area of border marker No. 144.

HEARD:

Declaration of the Soviets: -"Mister Border Commissar! In response to your urgent verbal request and declaration set forth in the minutes of the joint session of 16 Sep, 1966, [we declare] that US national THOMAS R. DAWSON, in fact, deliberately violated the Soviet-Iranian border and is on Soviet territory.

Taking into account the improving relations between our countries and the decision of competent organs regarding the transfer of the US national to you, I am ready today to transfer to you,

my respected colleague, the aforementioned US citizen and to formulate this corresponding document.

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Iranian declaration: - "Mister Border Commissar! With gratitude I approve of your stated declaration and I am ready to accept US citizen THOMAS R. DAWSON, who, for reasons unbeknownst to us, crossed from Iran into the USSR on 11 Sep, 1966.

RESOLVED:

Taking into consideration the neighborly relations and the friendly ties developing between the Soviet and the Iranian Governments, we will meet the urgent request of my respected colleague to transfer US citizen THOMAS R. DAWSON, who deliberately violated Soviet territory and is temporarily living and working in Iran.

The transfer will be made official by this document, which will be attached to these minutes.

There are 4 copies of these minutes, of which two copies are in Russian and two copies are in Farsi. All copies are equally authentic.

USSR BORDER COMMISSAR FOR BORDER COMMISSAR OF THE

THE LENKORAN' DISTRICT SHAH'S GOVERNMENT OF IRAN

FOR THE ARDEBIL' DISTRICT

LT. COLONEL-(GEORGADZE) COLONEL-(KHOSROVPANAKH)

PARTICIPATED

ASSISTANT TO THE USSR BORDER

COMMISSAR FOR THE ASTARINSKO-

KALAPUTINSK DISTRICT

MAJOR- (NEKRASOV)

SECRETARY-TRANSLATOR FOR THE

BORDER COMMISSAR OF THE

SHAH'S GOVERNMENT OF IRAN

FOR THE ARDEBIL' DISTRICT

MAKHOMMEDYAN)

SECRETARY OF THE BORDER COMMISSAR

FOR THE LENKORAN' DISTRICT

MAJOR (RESHUKHIN)

TRANSLATOR FOR THE BORDER COMMISSAR

FOR THE LENKORAN' DISTRICT

SR. LIEUTENANT (SAFAROV)

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Major - [Signature] (SMIRNOV)

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Border

Detachment

5 , Oct 1966

No. 1/1273

Lenkoran'

Unit No. 2038

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TO THE HEAD OF TRANSCAUCASIAN BORDER DISTRICT FORCES
KGB ATTACHED TO THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
To Comrade Major General V.A. MATROSOV

---------- Tbilisi

REPORT
(on the meeting with the IPK)

In execution of your order No. 1319, dated 1 Oct, 1966, and in accordance with the agreement on the transfer of the border violator - US national THOMAS R. DAWSON, there was a meeting with the IPK for the Ardebil' District, Lt. Colonel KHOSROVPANAKH, on 3 Oct, 1966 at 1200 hrs Moscow time. This was a day prior to the day recommended to me in the official letter. The translator, MAGOMEDIYAN, accompanied the IPK as he arrived for our meeting.

Majors N. NEKRASOV and S.S. RESHUKHIN and Sr. Lieutenant M.M. SAFAROV also participated in the meeting.

After mutual greetings and the introduction of participating officers, I invited the IPK and his translator to cross into Soviet territory for the joint session and the formulation of the necessary documents for the transfer and acceptance of the border violator.

The IPK accepted my invitation and the representatives were transported in two cars to the guest house of the Astarinsk RK KP Azerbaijan, where all conditions for conducting the meeting were arranged beforehand. Upon arrival to the guest house, I made a statement to the IPK regarding the transfer to the Iranians of the US national, THOMAS R. DAWSON, who deliberately violated the USSR State border and was detained on Soviet territory by the Soviet Border Guard on 11 Sep 66 in the area of border post No. 144.

The IPK agreed with my statement and expressed readiness to accept the border violator, THOMAS R. DAWSON, but moreover stated that the purpose of his [DAWSON'S] crossing into the USSR was unknown to the Iranians. The IPK asked that this be

reflected in the meeting's minutes.

I answered that, DAWSON is in the USSR and he himself said that he deliberately violated the border, as is reflected in the meeting's minutes.

The IPK concurred with my response. After that, the session's minutes and a document on the transfer and acceptance of border violator THOMAS R. DAWSON were drawn up. Furthermore, the IPK did not consider it necessary to question the violator, citing that he was not a citizen of Iran. During the transfer of THOMAS R. DAWSON, the Iranians raised no objections to the Soviet party.

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In the course of an unofficial discussion, I raised the issue of formulating a protocol on the re-established Iranian border marker, No. 141.

The IPK answered that he was ready to do this, but asked for time to invite a topographic specialist from the Center. With this, Colonel Khosrovpanakh remarked that he would be able to invite the USSR Border Commissar to the city of Ardebil' for the formulation of a protocol on the aforementioned marker.

I expressed my thanks to the IPK for the invitation and responded that I had received the former IPK, Lt. Colonel FARBOD, in Lenkoran' and was very satisfied with that visit. At that time he [the IPK] wanted to know I would invite him, as I had his predecessor, to my residence in Lenkoran', as the residence of my assistant for the Astara District is being renovated and there is no place to hold the meetings.

The IPK expressed his gratitude and announced that he was ready at any time to come to the residence of the PK in Lenkoran'.

No other issues were raised at the meeting.

In the course of the entire meeting the IPK conducted himself benevolently. He understood well and appreciated the policies of the Shah's Government concerning rapprochement with the USSR. In his words, he is sparing no effort in strengthening neighborly relations in his district.

The IPK said that he has served in the Iranian Gendarmerie for a long time and was committed to the Shah and his government.

Colonel Magomedal' KHOSROVPANAKH is 46 years old. He is a thin Persian of average height. He has brown narrow-set eyes, black hair, a brick-cut mustache, a large aquiline nose, and an oblong face. There is a scar on his right cheek from what was apparently a burn. He wears a yellow metal ring on the ring finger of his left hand. He is married and has four young children. He completed the course to prepare him to be a border commissar. He has not served on the border prior to this, but has work experience in the Gendarmerie.

Nothing suspicious was noticed in the behavior of the IPK or his interpreter.

The meeting ended at 1700 hrs Moscow time. After bidding us farewell, the Iranian representatives safely returned to their own territory.

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